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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000. RESERVE FUND, \$3,900,000. RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO., \$7,500,000. PRINCIPAL OFFICE, LONDON.

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## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " " 12 " 5 per cent. " " " LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

## T. JACKSON.

Chief Manager. Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$200 at one time, will not be received. The depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at any time transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the Western British Post Office in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

## For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 764

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1887, on or before the 31st Instant, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, March 15, 1888. 434

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON AND COTTON YARN at the KOWLOON WHARF will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 Cents per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary. Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

## Intimations.

In the Matter of the Petition of EDWARD WILLIAM SERRELL, Junior, Civil Engineer, of New York in the United States of America, for LETTERS PATENT, for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong, of an Invention for: (1) 'PROCESS AND MACHINERY FOR REELING SILK FROM THE COCOON,' and (2) 'IMPROVEMENTS IN AUTOMATIC SILK REELING MACHINES,' for which Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent have been duly granted in England.

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that the necessary Petitions, Specifications, Declarations, and Drawings required, herein, by Ordinance No. 14 of 1882, have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said EDWARD WILLIAM SERRELL, by WILLIAM WORTON, his duly-authorized Attorney, to apply at the sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the said Inventions.

NOTICE is HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the matter of said Petitions will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 5th day of APRIL, at 11 a.m.

WOTTON & DEACON, Solicitors, Hongkong.

## A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written. A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1—at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. KELLY & WATSON, Limited, Hongkong; also, Mr. N. MOORE, Amoy. Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 363

## DENTISTRY.

### FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, D.D.S., (Formerly Articled Apprentice and Lately Assistant to Dr. ROOZE.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROOZE,

No. 2, DUDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE. Discount to missionaries and families. Sole Address: 2, DUDELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.) Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 86

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to Furnish the Underwritten with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1887, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONDS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March, 1888, will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, March 1, 1888. 339

## IMPORTANT NOTICE. KUHN & CO.

ARE NOW SELLING OFF THEIR FINE ART COLLECTION, consisting of a CHOICE & VALUABLE ASSORTMENT of JAPANESE BRONZES, CLOISONNE, IVORY, LACQUER, SILK and SATIN KIMOS, LAKIMOS, SORBERNS, DRESSING-GOWNS and JACKETS, QUILTS, WALL DECORATIONS, BRONZE JEWELLERY, SWORDS, COMPLETE SUITS OF ANTIQUE ARMOUR, &c., &c.

TO AVOID THE COST OF RE-SHIPMENT THE ENTIRE STOCK IS NOW OFFERED AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

MESSRS. KUHN & Co., in thanking the RESIDENTS of Hongkong, Canton, and Macao for their Liberal Patronage, regret to state that, owing to the opening of a branch House in London, where Mr. KUHN'S presence is an absolute necessity, they are compelled to temporarily close their Hongkong establishment; but due notice will be given of the resumption of Business. Meanwhile all Orders sent to KUHN & Co., YOKOHAMA, will receive the most careful attention.

The PUBLIC are respectfully notified that the present sale of the most complete collection of WORKS OF JAPANESE ART ever offered in Hongkong at such low prices, will be limited to the current month.

KUHN & Co., opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL. Hongkong, March 19, 1888. 449

## CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

## NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES. ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS. NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. Christie & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

DIA MONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY. A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 743

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED A VARIETY OF NEW GOODS,

INCLUDING:— PIGSKIN HACK SADDLES and FURNITURE, Complete for \$80.00. DOG COLLARS, DOG MUZZLES, DOG WHIPS, DOG CHAINS. THE FILTER RAPIDE, MAISON'S PATENT INDESTRUCTIBLE, \$6.00. A FINE LOT OF BATH SPONGES. BATH TOWELS, BATH BLANKETS and BATH GOWNS. BRACKET and TABLE LAMPS, LAMP SHADES. SCARVES and TIES, Spring Colours and Designs.

HOSIERY AND OUTFITTING SUNDRIES: ALBUMS, PORTRAIT FRAMES, WORK-BASKETS, POCKET BOOKS, NOTE CASES.

Also, A LARGE STOCK OF TENNIS BATS AND BALLS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 470

## STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS. CHARGES MODERATE. Tiffin at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM. Tiffin 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS. WINES, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY. Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

## Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors. Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

## W. POWELL & Co.

WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THIS FIRM, and FIRST DELIVERIES

## NEW SPRING DRESS MATERIALS,

Over 500 Pieces to Select from, varying in Price from 12 CENTS per Yard. NEW STRAW HATS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, RIBBONS, LACES, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE, March 8, 1888. 304

## NEW GOODS.

TALL SILK HATS. DRAB FELT HATS. BLACK, BROWN, DRAB and GRAY HATS. Felt Hats. TRUNK HATS and CAPS in new shapes. STRAW and PITH HATS. SILK UMBRELLAS, from \$5, over 10/- to choose from. WALKING STICKS, a very large assortment. WALKING COATS, LEGGINGS and CHAIR APRONS. TRAVELLING, RUGS & SOUTHERN MANTLES. OVER COATINGS, light and heavy. OVER COATINGS, Ulster Tweeds.

Black DIAGONAL and COARSEWEAVE for Dress Suits. Black, Blue & Brown Fancy and Cheek DIAGONAL COATINGS. Fancy and Cheek TWEED COATINGS. TROUSERSING, in a great variety of Stripes, Checks, &c. CRICKETING FLANNELS, in Checks, Stripes & Plain. French Printed SHIRTINGS. Unshrinkable FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. Winter, Medium and Summer UNDER VESTS and PAJAMA. READY-MADE 'ULSTERS' IN STOCK.

Solid LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS. OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLASS STONE BAGS, and a variety of TRAVELLING CASES, all sizes. SILK & HOSE, Black, Navy and Colours. Lamb's Wool, Merino and Lisle Thread & HOSE. White Dress SHIRTS. Lacing & E. S. Boots and Shoes. SHOOTING BOOTS, RUBBER BOOTS. Patent Leather Boots and Shoes. DANCING PUMPS, all sizes. Large Stock of SCARVES, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES.

## ROBT. LANG & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 285

## Intimations.

### SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

(SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME) CAPITAL, 1,000,000 FRANCS. DIVIDED INTO 8,000 SHARES OF 125 FRANCS 500 EACH.

THIS Société is being formed for the purpose of WORKING the COAL MINES at Ha Long Bay, Tonquin, under a Concession granted by the French Government in Tonquin, to M. BAVIER CHATELAIN as per Acte, dated Ha Noi, the 28th day of March, 1887, and the 6th day of August, 1887.

The COAL MINES cover an Area of about 15,000 hectares, and the Concession will be conveyed to the Société by the Government of Tonquin, as soon as the Société is formed.

Of the 8,000 SHARES, 4,000 are offered for Public Subscription at Par on the 22nd and 23rd days of March, 1888, and the Amount thereof is payable on application.

Forms of Application can be obtained from M. BAVIER CHATELAIN, 7, Queen's Road Central, to whom the same must be returned when filled up and signed, and where also the Articles of Association of the Société in formation can be obtained by the intending Shareholders.

PAYMENT for SHARES applied for must be made to the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, Hongkong, as Agents for BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, who will grant Receipts for same.

Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 472

## SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Out-of-Order Boots, or PAJAMA, will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point. Hongkong, July 25, 1887.

## Intimations.

### NOTIFICATION.

CUSTOM HOUSE, Kowloon, 26th March, 1888.

ON FRIDAY NEXT, the 30th Instant, being Good Friday, this Office and the CUSTOM EXAMINATION HULK will be CLOSED to the Transaction of all Business; but work at the Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

F. A. MORGAN, Commissioner of Customs.

### ROSE SHAMROCK AND THISTLE HOTEL.

MR. LIEBERMANN having Sold the above BUSINESS to Mr. C. BERTOLINI, and being about to leave for Europe, requests that ALL CLAIMS against him be sent in immediately.

Hongkong, March 21, 1888. 474

### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE FIFTH PRIZE MEETING will be held at KOWLOON on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, March 3rd and 4th, and MONDAY, April 2nd, 1888.

For MEMBERS and ALL COMERS over \$1.200 will be given in Prizes. The Shooting will commence each day at 10 a.m.

Programmes and Entry Forms can be obtained from the Undersigned on and after Monday, 26th March, 1888.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Honorary Secretary. Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 465

## For Sale.

FOR SALE. JULES MUMME & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints.....\$21 " " 2 " DUBES FRÈRES & Co. BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES. Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree' WHISKY—\$7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

## To Let.

TO BE LET. (With Immediate Possession.) TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in Cause Road, West and Terrace opposite to Rose Villa.

Apply to No. 14, CAUSE ROAD. Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 1187

## ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.'

GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, February 3, 1888. 504

## TO LET.

A Commodious SUITE of OFFICES in the ICE HOUSE BUILDINGS.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, March 22, 1888. 489

## TO LET—FURNISHED.

(From 1st April.) TWO LARGE BEDROOMS, &c., with Large PUBLIC ROOM in one of the Best Houses on the Peak.

Apply to MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co. Hongkong, March 23, 1888. 494

## TO BE LET.

UNFURNISHED WITH TENNIS COURT. NO. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, a FOUR ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

NO. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, a SIX ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

A NEW STORY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters of both houses.

Apply to JOHN WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary. Hongkong, January 27, 1888. 142

## Notice of Firm.

NOTICE. MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

CHATER & VERNON. Hongkong, January 15, 1888.

## Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Glenalg having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S.S. Green and Denmark from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TODAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1888. 496

## Notices to Consignees.

### FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY'S West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after 1st April will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all Claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 30th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1888. 501

### SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. GLAMORGANSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. TODAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st Proximo will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st Proximo, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1888. 502

### FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Olympia, Captain MILLER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 22, 1888. 482

## Shipping.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship Sleator, Captain MILLER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, March 10, 1888. 483

### THE SCOTCH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamer The China, Captain KIAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents. Hongkong, March 26, 1888. 507

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship Thales, Captain HUNTER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 26, 1888. 505

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship Tienan, Captain MILLER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 7th April, at







or drainage, ...	720
Changpan—	
a drainage, .....	72
day, sig.	728
A Day, 100 fire, ...	\$3.50
revelings, ...	\$6.50



## Tientsin.

March 17, 1888.

On Thursday morning, the 15th inst., the French gunboat *Viper*, and the British gunboat *Merlin*, left our port by orders from their respective Admirals. The French vessel, it is said, has gone to Japan. The *Merlin* will remain at Taku while, partly to make some refit, and partly to carry out her regulation target practice.

We are informed that a trial of Krupp against De Bange guns—field pieces—was held this week at the West camp, at the instance of the French Consul. The De Bange guns were served by French gunners from the *Viper*, and the Krupp by Chinese artillerymen. The French claim a decided superiority for their guns in point of rapidity of fire, but no details have reached us.

Excellent fuel is now made at Kaiping, and as the Messageries Maritimes use large quantities of coal dust blown by coal tar into blocks, we should think that if prices are not too high, and can compete with the article imported from France and England, there will be a large demand for Shanghai. The Kaiping patent fuel is particularly suitable for use in the Chinese men-of-war, it gives off less smoke than coal. It is also better for storage, as it deteriorates less than coal, when in the open air, exposed to sun, wind, rain, heat, cold, &c. The reason for this is, that the Kaiping fuel is a very valuable, impure, and we should think, therefore, mainly composed of patent fuel. Kaiping like Japan coal rapidly changes for the worse, and loses its evaporating power if stored long. Whereas patent fuel can be kept for two or three years without any loss of its quality.

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We have received a letter from the principal wool market of Mongolia, but for want of room cannot publish it this week. In the meantime we may mention that by orders of the Viceroy Li a proclamation has been issued, giving effect to the protest of Baron von Kotteler, whose action is requested in the notice. It seems that the wool of the Chinese is adulterated with sugar water mixed with sand and dirt, and sheep's wool with sand mixed with lamp oil, so that even sifting does not thoroughly cleanse from fraudulent admixtures.

Of late years His Excellency the Viceroy has had large quantities of willow trees planted along the canals. The trees grow quickly, and furnish charcoal for the powder mills. But charcoal made from willow is not the best; it is too deliquescent. In India the charcoal used for gunpowder is entirely made from carbonized millet stalks. Gunpowder so made is less liable to detonation from age, damp, or atmospheric influence than if wood charcoal is used. The reason is, no doubt, that millet stalks contain silica. —Chinese Times.

## Peking.

Complaints are frequent of the unsatisfactory relations between Chinese and foreign officials, which are becoming gradually worse. The absence of spontaneous courtesy on the part of the mandarins is not a new thing, but they are apt, if not sharply checked, to drift beyond the stage of merely "disrespecting their lords" and come positively near the point of "kicking down stairs." Not only are the communications of the Ministers of the Yamen vain and rapid, and often as silly as if they were addressed to school-boys, but in their official friendly intercourse they tacitly treat the foreign representatives as inferior, making the most flimsy excuses for crying off engagements that are in the least inconvenient to themselves, while entirely disregarding the convenience of the foreigners.

The fault appears to rest on the foreign Ministers themselves who have so long submitted to improper treatment. Why should they? The general instructions of their respective governments, coinciding with the dictates of common sense, enjoining conciliatory demeanour, need not be interpreted to mean *to-titivate* the mandarins; and if the *corps diplomatique* would but not together, they could impose any canons of etiquette they chose. Why do they not? Because so many of the Ministers have separate interests to serve, and like St. Augustine when he preached for purity, quibbling the petition by "but not just yet." The general principle, good for all nations and for all times of intercourse on respectful terms, has to be set aside because now this Minister and now that has some special favour to solicit from the Chinese, and until he has secured that he dares not assert his independence.

The position has of course become aggravated since the fashion set in of foreign Ministers turning brokers. Diplomatic usages count for little with the man who has an axe to grind in the shape of a financial or industrial or any other transaction to be put through. How policy and principle have yielded to the power of self is obvious to the most stupid of Tongshing; they have told the public of Tongshing that they must not insist on their protection and exclusive financial policy because certain French people have contracts with the Chinese Government, which might be imperilled by any anti-Chinese acts at Hanoi. M. Constant is no doubt right in restraining the ultra-nationalists of the colony, but what an argument to use in support of liberty! The whole economical policy of the most important French dependency is to be governed by the supposed private interests of a special group of French manufacturers.

Do the foreign Ministers realize what the representation of 30 or 40 or 50 or 60 millions of people, civilized, intelligent, progressive, implies? Does it carry no dignity? Or only as much as may be bartered away for some patting, for favour? Ancient history tells of one who was hungry and sold his birthright for food. He at least got his mess of pottage.

Not far from the execution ground outside the Shui Chih Gate there is a very respectable and old-established wine shop, generally known by the designation of the "Broken Bowl House." Many years ago a former proprietor got into trouble, was condemned to death, but eventually obtained a reprieve. Ever since, the shop has by way of gratitude supplied gratuitously to condemned criminals on their way to execution as much wine as they wish to drink. Each criminal is supplied with a bowl, and when he has taken his last draught, the bowl is solemnly smashed on the pavement, hence the title of the establishment. —Chinese Times.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips. —Wielor & Co.

B. P. CHENEY, American ship, Captain Hughes. —Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain L. M. Beane. —Russell & Co.

HATTE E. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt. J. McCannachy. —Gibb, Livingston & Co.

## Mails.

## ALTERATION.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON; ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

*N.B.*—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PEKAN, GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *CANGES*, Captain E. STEWART, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this port for LONDON, via BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, ON WEDNESDAY, 28th March, at 4 p.m. (instead of as previously advertised).

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 26, 1888. 462

Accidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

FAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *BELOIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd April, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:— To San Francisco ..... \$200.00 To San Francisco and return, ..... 350.00 To Liverpool ..... 325.00 To London ..... 325.00 To other European ports at proportionate rates.

Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 14, 1888. 426

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; ALSO, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, 1888, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *LAUREL*, Commandant BRETHER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 5 p.m. on the 3rd April, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 22, 1888. 490

## Mails.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and America, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:— To San Francisco ..... \$200.00 To San Francisco and return, ..... 350.00 To Liverpool ..... 325.00 To London ..... 325.00 To other European ports at proportionate rates.

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Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1888. 499

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

*N.B.*—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1888, at 4 p.m., the Company's Steamship *PREUSSEN*, Capt. C. POHL, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 5 p.m. on the 15th April, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For further particulars, apply to

MELOERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 464

Intimations.

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the vicinity of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Foddar's Wharf. 6. From Foddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Vessel's Name.	Section.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Anton	1	Autocoe	Ger. str.	386	Mar. 19	Wielor & Co.	Ab'deen Dool 3rd prox. To-day
Belgio	2	Walker	Brit. str.	421	Mar. 24	O. & S. S. Co.	San Francisco
Benalder	3	Thomson	Brit. str.	1332	Mar. 23	Ubb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon
Cardiganshire	4	Clark	Brit. str.	1328	Mar. 19	Adams, Baki & Co.	
Carybrooke	5	Clark	Brit. str.	1743	Mar. 27	Morris & Ray	
Deonna	6	Eastmann	Ger. str.	965	Mar. 27	Siemssen & Co.	
Drachenfels	7	Turco	Ger. str.	1459	Mar. 25	Adams, Ball & Co.	
Falkenberg	8	Dreyer	Ger. str.	988	Mar. 25	Melchers & Co.	Saigon
Fero	9	Hansen	Ger. str.	764	Mar. 25	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	
Fidaleo	10	Brook	Ger. str.	862	Mar. 26	Wielor & Co.	
Frogr	11	Lund	Dan. str.	419	Mar. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Europe, &c.
Ganges	12	Sevart	Brit. str.	2148	Mar. 27	O. & S. S. Co.	To-morrow
Japan	13	Sevart	Brit. str.	1875	Mar. 27	Yuen Fat Hong	To-morrow
Kwang Lo	14	Andrew	Chil. str.	1508	Mar. 27	M. S. N. Co.	
Marie	15	Hohlmann	Ger. str.	704	Mar. 26	A. R. Marty	Haiphong
Ningchow	16	Castle	Brit. str.	1735	Mar. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai
Pha Chula Chom Kiao	17	Benson	Brit. str.	1011	Mar. 26	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow & Bangkok
Pilot Fish	18	Stopani	Brit. tug.	161	Sept. 27	H. K. & W. Dock Co.	
Septima	19	Hansen	Ger. str.	783	Mar. 22	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	Saigon
Shanghai	20	Newton	Brit. str.	862	Mar. 27	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow & Bangkok
Tchernia	21	Seymour	Brit. str.	2600	Mar. 27	O. & S. S. Co.	
Teresa	22	Greig	Brit. str.	763	Mar. 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Shanghai
Thales	23	Hunter	Brit. str.	819	Mar. 27	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports
Visayas	24	Ajubita	Span. str.	406	Mar. 11	Chinese	Amoy & Manila
Zafiro	25	Talbot	Brit. str.	975	Mar. 20	Russell & Co.	To-day
Zambesi	26	Sans	Brit. str.	1564	Mar. 27	O. & S. S. Co.	

## Sailing Vessels.

Allie Rowe	Phillips	Haw. bg.	June	9	Wider & Co.	Laid up.
Augusta	Jensen	Ger. bg.	473	Mar. 17	Edvard Schellhaas & Co.	
B. P. Cheney	Hughes	Amer. sh.	1259	Jan. 26	Douglas, Lapraik & Co.	
Centennial	Boase	Amer. sh.	1222	Jan. 27	Carlowitz & Co.	New York
Coloma	Noyes	Amer. bg.	352	Dec. 27	Melchers & Co.	
Dorothea	Moeller	Ger. bg.	820	Jan. 29	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London
F. P. Leithfield	Young	Amer. bg.	1042	Feb. 5	Melchers & Co.	San Francisco
Great Admiral	Kowell	Amer. sh.	1407	Feb. 17	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Hattie E. Tapley	McConnachy	Brit. bg.	803	Aug. 20	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Kitty	Laird	Brit. bg.	803	Aug. 20	Order	
Lillian	Duncan	Haw. bg.	394	Mar. 29	Chino	
Mabel Taylor	Darke	Brit. sh.	1295	Jan. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	London, &c.
Santa Filomena	Mondragon	Span. sh.	448	Jan. 12	Chinese	Hilo
Senta	Thiennann	Ger. bg.	10.7	Jan. 28	Melchers & Co.	London, &c.
Star Queen	Abbott	Brit. bg.	767	Mar. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Titan	Allyn	Amer. sh.	1270	Jan. 28	Pustak & Co.	New York
Walter Stegried	Lawrence	Brit. bg.	394	Dec. 17	Chinese	

## Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1400	4	3180	Com. R. Blair Macdonochie	Singapore
Audacious*	twin-screw battle-ship	6010	10	4330	Capt. Robert Hastings Harris	Hongkong
Cockchafer	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. H. H. Boteler	Canton
Constance	crusier 3rd class	2380	14	2590	Capt. L. C. Keppel	Hongkong
Cordelia	gunboat 2nd class	2380	10	1420	Captain Henry H. Boys	Shanghai
Esper	gun-v. 3rd class coast defence	340	3	340		In reserve
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. H. R. Adams	Shanghai
Horoine	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	460	Lieut.-Com. Denison	Manila
Lander	crusier 3rd class	8 1420	8	1470	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Lauet	crusier 2nd class	3750	10	5000	Captain M. J. Dunlop	Kobe
Mulin	gun-vessel 2nd class	766	5	1060	Commander W. Marrack	Hongkong
Mute	gunboat 2nd class	420	4	430	Lieut.-Com. W. M. Maturin	Tientsin
Orion	sloop	1200	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Singapore
Rambler	battle-ship 3 class armoured	4370	4	4040	Captain T. H. Rye	Singapore
Rattler	surveying vessel	830	3	690	Commander W. U. Moore	Hongkong
Sapphir	gunboat 1st class	670	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. W. M. Dougall	Hongkong
Satellite	crusier 3rd class	1970	12	2360	Captain W. O. Karlske	Hongkong
Soleil	crusier 3rd class	1420	8	1400	Captain Arthur L. Alington	Shanghai
Swift	torpedo mining launch	160	—	—		Hongkong
Victor Emmanuel	gun-vessel 2-d class	766	5	1060	Commander Richard Bingham	Hongkong
Wanderer	gun-ship	5167	14	—	Commodore Maxwell, A.D.C.	Hongkong
Wivern	sloop	825	4	750	Commander Geo. Giffard	Hongkong
	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1450		Hongkong